college in the country, the Government of India is not in favour of establishment of any new medical college in the country.

Shifting of the Thorium Plant at Trombay

*19. DR. BAPU KALDATE : will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the Thorium Plant at Trombay near Bombay to another place;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to provide alternative employment to over two hundred employees presently working at the plant; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The existing Plant is to be replaced as it is very old and beyond economical repair and service. The Atomic Energy Commission has decided to shift out of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre premises in Tromby, plants and laboratories which are not directly related to the R&D programme of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The employees who opt to shift to the new location will be transferred, whereas others will be provided alternative employment in other units of Deptt. of Atomic Energy located in Bombay. Those who opt to take voluntary retirement will be paid due compensation.

Post Offices in Assam

*20. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of Post Offices set up in Assam from 1986 to 1988 and till date;

(b) whether there is a demand from the people of Assam to set up more Post Offices in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

Statement

(a) The number of new post offices opened in Assam from 1985-86 to 1989-90 (upto 30 June, 1989) is as follows:

Year	Number of Post Offices opened
1985-86	Nil
1986-87	Nil
1987-88	26
1988-89	22
1989-90 (Up to 30-6-1989)	25
TOTAL	73

(b) and (c) Requests have been received for opening post offices a

162 places. Division-wise break-up is as follows:

Sl. No.	Postal Division	District(s) covered	No. of additional post office demanded
1.	Golpara	Dhubri Goalpara Kokrajar	19
2.	Kamrup	Kamrup	10
3.	Cachar	Karimganj Cachar North Cachar Hills	34
4.	Dibrugarh	North Lakhimpur Dibrugarh	14
5.	Darrang	Sonitpur Darrang	16
6.	Nalbari-Barepeta	Nalbari-Barepeta	24
7.	Nowgong	Nowgong Kabri Anglong	25
8.	Sibsagar	Sibsagar Jorhat Gobghat	12
9.	Tinsukia	Tinsukia Sub-division of Dibrugarh District	8
		TOTAL	162

Formation of Telecom Advisory Committee for West Bengal

1. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Telecom Advisory Committee for West Bengal for this year has been formed by the Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the basis of including the persons under public worker category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Telecom Advisory Committee for West Bengal has been constituted with 30 members. The term of the Committee is upto 31-8-89.

(c) Nominations are made by the Ministry of Communications from the recommendations received from Chief General Manager concerned and from those received directly in the Headquarters.

Connecting the Telephone Exchange of Maheswaram with Hyderabad

2. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister o COMMUNICATIONS be please to state :